

CITY OF MESA

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ZONING BOARD STUDY SESSION

Held in the City of Mesa Council Chamber (Lower Level)
April 20, 2010 at 7:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Frank Mizner, Chair
Randy Carter, Vice Chair
Beth Coons
Lisa Hudson

MEMBERS ABSENT

Vince DiBella (excused)
Chell Roberts (excused)
Brad Arnett (excused)

OTHERS PRESENT

John Wesley
Tom Ellsworth
Lesley Davis
Debbie Archuleta
Angelica Guevara
Gordon Sheffield
Wahid Alam
Margaret Robertson

Shea Joachim
Wulf Grow

Chairperson Mizner declared a quorum present and the meeting was called to order at 7:39 a.m.

1. Review items on the agenda for the April 20, 2010 regular Planning & Zoning hearing.

The items on the April 20, 2010, agenda were discussed. No formal action was taken.

2. Planning Director's Updates:

- a. Hear and discuss a presentation regarding the Central Mesa Light Rail Extension Update.

Shea Joachim and Wulf Grote explained the proposal for the Central Mesa Light Rail Extension. Mr. Grote of Valley Metro explained they had worked with the City and local businesses on the route into Downtown Mesa. Mr. Grote stated the project was funded through Mesa Drive; however, the ultimate build out was proposed to be Gilbert Road. The anticipated completion date is mid 2016. The main focus was where to locate the stations, and what will the street look like? There will be four stations; just west of Alma School; east of Country Club; east of Center; and east of Mesa Drive. The station at Mesa Drive will have a park and ride. The area from Sycamore to Country Club will have the same street cross section as the street west of Sycamore. The street from

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Country Club to Mesa Drive will change. The curb lines will remain the same, the parking will remain, there will be a single through lane, and the left turns will remain. There will be no bike lanes. Mr. Grote stated there will need to be three traction stations, the locations will be based on power needs. The proposal is scheduled for City Council at the may 17, 2010 meeting.

b. Review and discuss draft Zoning Code update

Staffmember Gordon Sheffield explained staff is in the process of holding weekly work-shops on the draft Zoning Code. He stated staff would also be meeting with groups such as Valley Forward; Multi Housing; Home Builders Association; and the Developers Forum. He stated the proposed schedule for the Zoning Code Update has been delayed because City Council is concerned with the Text Amendment regarding notification changes. Council is concerned that applicant's may try to go through the zoning process without posting their site.

Boardmember Carter was concerned with how the text amendment regarding name changes would affect the Maricopa County web sites.

Chair Mizner suggested talking to the Town of Gilbert regarding the name changes they enacted a few years ago.

c. Status of cases previously recommended by the Board: Z09-20, Z10-09, Z10-08, Z10-10, Z10-11, Z10-12,

Planning Director John Wesley explained the status of cases previously heard by the Board.

3. Minutes – submit any corrections, additions, deletions.

None.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John Wesley, Secretary
Planning Director

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